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1. WE HAVE REVIEWED ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES PROVIDED
IN REFTEL AND AGREE WITH THE HAWK PM'S PROPOSAL THAT
THE US PARTICIPATE AS AN OBSERVER INSTEAD OF A VOTING MEMBER
ON THE NATO IHAWK SOFTWARE COMMITTEE. THIS POSITION IS
BASED ON THE FOLLOWING:

- THE COMMITTEE EFFORT WILL BE INDEPENDENT OF US HAWK
SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENTS BECAUSE OF DIFFERING REQUIREMENTS.
WE ASSUME THE US WILL OFFER APPLICABLE SOFTWARE PACK-
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AGES TO ASSIST THE EUROPEAN EFFORT AND AVOID DUPLICATORY
WORK. THIS CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED WHETHER THE US PARTICI-
PATES AS AN OBSERVER OR A VOTING MEMBER.

- WE AGREE WITH HAWK PM THAT THE EUROPEAN SOFTWARE
DEVELOPMENT IS LIKELY TO PROVE EXTREMELY COSTLY
BECAUSE OF THE MULTILATERAL CHARACTER OF THE EFFORT AND
THE VARYING OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE MEMBERS.
IF THE US WERE TO JOIN AS A VOTING MEMBER, IT IS POS-
SIBLE THAT ESCALATING COST WOULD FORCE OUR WITHDRAWAL.

FUTURE WITHDRAWAL WOULD LIKELY PROVE MORE SENSITIVE THAN
DECIDING AT THIS POINT TO PARTICIPATE AS AN OBSERVER
WILLING TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE AS APPROPRIATE.

- THERE IS A PRECEDENT FOR THIS COURSE OF ACTION IN THAT THE
US DOES NOT VOTE ON THE HAWK EUROPEAN LIMITED IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
(HELIP) BOARD OF DIRECTORS, WHICH WILL BE THE SOFT-
WARE COMMITTEE'S PARENT.

2. IN SUMMARY, WE BELIEVE THE US CAN AVOID POTENTIAL
PROBLEMS AND ALSO SUPPORT THE EFFORT EFFECTIVELY AS
AN OBSERVER. PEREZ

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